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C O N F I D E N T I A L SOFIA 0321

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: D/LOS

SUBJECT: LOS SOCIALIST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING

REF: A) STATE 034000; B) LONDON 2286

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT REF A, SENT AN INFORMAL PAPER  
TO KARASIMENOV, CHIEF OF LEGAL AND TREATIES DEPARTMENT, AND  
TELEPHONED HIM WITH REQUEST HE SET UP MEETING WITH KNOWLEDGE-  
ABLE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER. KARASIMEONOV SAID THE COMPETENT  
DEPUTY IS LYUBOMIR PETROV, BUT PETROV WAS ABOUT TO GO ON LEAVE  
AND HE PERSONALLY WOULD NOT RECOMMEND MY TRYING TO SEE HIM AS  
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PETROV WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE SUBJECT. ACCORDINGLY, I MADE

APPOINTMENT TO SEE KARASIMEONOV, WHO RECEIVED ME THIS MORNING  
FEB 13.

2. HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM MEETING OF THE EVENSEN GROUP, KARASIMEONOV WAS WELL FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM FOR HE HAD PERSONALLY WITNESSED THE OMINOUS REFUSAL OF SOME LATINS TO ACCEPT COMPULSORY DISPUTE SETTLEMENT EVEN FOR MATTERS INVOLVING SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND POLLUTION IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE. HE SAID THE GOB IS GRATEFUL FOR OUR PAPER AND AGREES THAT THE PROBLEM IS SERIOUS. BULGARIA "DOES NOT YET HAVE A VERY CLEAR-CUT POSITION ON THE SUBJECT," AND WOULD "RECONSIDER THE MATTER ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE" (I.E., THE EVIDENT DANGER THAT SOME COUNTRIES WILL CLAIM RIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH THAT ZONE WHICH WOULD MAKE IT THE FUNCTIONAL EQUIVALENT OF A TERRITORIAL SEA). HE THOUGHT A CLEAR-CUT POSITION WOULD EMERGE "IN FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE."

3. ATTEMPTS TO GET KARASIMEONOV TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT A FORTHCOMING MEETING OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTERS WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. IN LIGHT ALSO OF WHAT HE HAD SAID ABOUT PETROV, WE WERE LEFT WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT PERHAPS SUCH MEETING MAY NOT BE QUITE AS IMMINENT AS SUGGESTED IN REF A.  
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